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FOR  
ANDERSON'S WATERPROOFS,  
SOUTHGATE'S TRUNKS,  
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THE UNITED ASBESTOS  
ORIENTAL AGENCY.

Sole Agents for the  
UNITED ASBESTOS COM-  
PANY, LTD. LONDON.  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
General Agents.

THIRTY DOLLARS  
PER ANNUM.

## Banks.

### THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ..... Yen 12,000,000  
PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... 9,000,000  
RESERVED FUND ..... 6,350,000

Head Office:—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies.

Kobe NEW YORK  
London LYONS  
San Francisco HONOLULU  
Bombay SHANGHAI

LONDON BANKERS:  
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LD.  
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LD.

HONGKONG AGENCY:—INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent  
per annum on the daily balance.  
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

" 6 " 4 " 3 " 2 " 1 " S. CHOH, Agent.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1898. [382]

### THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital ..... £1,000,000  
Paid up Capital ..... £343,374

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—

D. GILLES, Esq. Chow Tung Shing, Esq.  
Chan Kit Shun, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chun, Esq.  
Chief Manager,  
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.  
On Current Account, Daily Balances 2 per  
Cent. per Annum.  
Hongkong, 30th November, 1897. [8]

### HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... \$10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... \$5,000,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS ..... \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

Hon. J. J. BELL-IRVING, Chairman.  
R. M. GRAY, Deputy Chairman.  
C. Neumann, Esq.  
G. D. Boring, Esq. A. L. Raymond, Esq.  
G. B. Dowell, Esq. R. L. Richardson, Esq.  
David Gubbay, Esq. R. Sheehan, Esq.  
A. Haepi, Esq. N. A. Siebs, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:—T. JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER:  
Shanghai:—P. WARD, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS:—LONDON AND COUNTY  
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.  
HONGKONG:—INTEREST ALLOWED:  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent  
per Annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.  
For 6 months, 3½ per Cent. per Annum.  
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1898. [9]

### HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted  
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be  
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER  
CENT. per annum.  
Depositors may transfer at their option  
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED  
DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [10]

### THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.  
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... £800,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... £800,000  
HOLDERS' SHARES ..... £800,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... £375,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT  
ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per  
annum on the daily balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.  
" 6 " 3½ " 3 " 2 " 1 " T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 2nd June, 1897. [31]

### THE MICASTOS FACTORY.

Mr. C. HODSWORTH,  
Superintendent at Works,  
Sawtooth Road,  
Hongkong.

THE GENERAL MANAGERS are prepared  
to enter into contracts for covering boilers  
and steam pipes with either Mica or Asbestos  
Compositions at the following quotations:—  
55 cts. per superficial square foot for boilers.  
Exposed Steam Pipes needing extra wrapping  
and Canvas and for dressing will be treated with  
the above Compositions at \$1.05 per superficial  
square foot.

A Stock of the Compositions is kept ready for  
sale packed in 6 cwt. casks. Price for ton lots  
\$100 per ton F.O.B. or in smaller quantities at  
\$5 per cwt. F.O.B.

All works will be under the personal super-  
vision of Mr. Hodsworth and all orders must be  
sent through the undersigned.

SHAW, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1898. [240]

## Intimations.

### PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STREAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SHANGHAI	CAISON	E. Street	Daylight, 19th Mar.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	1	Japan	T. Leigh	Neon 19th March... Freight or Passage.
LONDON &c.	Bengali	L. M. Widmer, R.N.R.	Noon, 19th March	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN	Rohilla	S. de B. Lockyer, R.N.R.	Daylight, 20th Mar.	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN, &c.	Manila	R. L. Haddock, R.N.R.	Daylight 22nd Mar.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	Socotra	J. Palac, R.N.R.	About 2nd April	Freight only.
LONDON	Borneo	F. C. A. Lyon, R.N.R.	About 6th April	Freight or Passage.

(Passing through the Inland Sea.) † See Special Advertisement.

For Further Particulars apply to

via MARSEILLES.

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1898. [5]

### THE CLUB HOTEL, LIMITED.

No. 5-B, HUND, YOKOHAMA.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL Centrally situated, well furnished and  
supplied with excellent Cuisine and Good Wines.



The Company's Steam-launch attends the arrival and departure of all  
Mail Steamers.

Special attention paid to the Comfort of Visitors.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager.

Yokohama, 1st October, 1897 [36]

## ENGLISH ALES.

TRADE MARK.	IND COOKE	4 doz. qts.	8 doz. pts.
	IND COOKE	\$14	\$15
	BASS' LIGHT GRAVITY	\$15	\$17

YUEN W. O.

TELEPHONE, No. 135.

SOLE AGENTS:

H. PRICE & CO.,

No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1898. [20]

## CURRY

AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.



A perfect Table Water,  
Quarried and Plated;  
Unqualified for purity;  
All ingredients used the best quality,  
Recognized as the cheapest,  
Is most suitable for mixing with Wines and Spirits;  
Unvalued and unquestionably the  
Safest drinking Water in the World.

CALDERCK, MACGREGOR & Co.,  
Sole Agents.

### W. POWELL & CO.

Es. S.S. SUNDA.

LARGE SHIPMENT OF

NEW GOODS.

FASHIONABLE-BLOUSE SILKS, &c., &c.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1898.

## Intimations.

### UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS IN  
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,  
FOR THE

UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON.

CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.

MANUFACTURERS OF THE

Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS and PACKINGS.  
HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS of all kinds.  
"VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.  
ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best quantities.  
ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

SUPERINTENDENT:—THOS. SKINNER.

DODWELL CARLILL & Co., General Agents.

### PEAK HOTEL.

1350 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL adjoining the Tramway Terminus. FINE HEALTHY LOCATION.  
Commanding Magnificent View of the City and Harbour, the Mainland of China, and  
numerous Islands. Cool southerly breezes in Summer, with perfect protection against the North-  
East winds in winter.

A Covered Way has been constructed from the Station to the Hotel.  
J. MARCESSE, GEO. J. CASANOVA,  
Chef de Cuisine. Manager.

CITY OFFICE, No. 7, Duddell Street. [28]

### THE PHARMACY.

HAVE NOW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ATKINSON'S PERFUMES AND ARE SOLE  
MANUFACTURERS OF

WHITE HEATHER BOUQUET.

Sole Agents for VIN PASTEUR the great French Nerve Tonic.

Also Sole Agents for the now well-known JAPANESE TABLE WATER

TAN SAN.

FLETCHER & CO.

and  
CARMICHAEL & CO.

### W. BREWER & CO.

JUST LANDED.

NEW AND LARGE STOCK OF LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S

BOOTS AND SHOES

BEST ENGLISH MAKE.

Queen's Road,

Hongkong, 10th February, 1898. [16]

### CHAMPAGNE.

G. H. MUM & Co.	1 doz. quarts.	2 doz. plat.
WHISKY.	\$35.50	\$37.50
DEWAR'S "IMPERIAL INSTITUTE"	1 doz. bottle.	
MCCREADIE'S "SPECIALLY SELECTED"	\$10.50	
PORT WINE.	1 doz. bottle.	
GUEDES "3 GRAPE" BRAND	\$24.00	

SHAW, TOMES & Co.,  
Agents.

Praya Central.

### A STARTLER!!

LIFE AND STRENGTH

IN EVERY DROP.  
Yet nothing intoxicating or harmful. Good, and good only.  
Power and suppleness for the Muscles, warmth and richness for the Blood, steadiness for the  
Nerves, and clearness for the Head, follow the use of

CHAMPAGNE BITTERS.

It seems to contain these subtle principles of VITALITY which elude analysis. Under its  
influence the HEART beats strongly and regularly, the Fancy plays more freely, the  
Mind is active and acute, and the capacity for Work and  
Enjoyment increases.

THIS RARE TONIC-STIMULANT ABATES PAIN, BANISHES FATIGUE,  
AND HASTENS CONVALESCENCE.

Splendid for the Aged and for Chronic Invalids.

CHAMPAGNE BITTERS.

WATKINS & CO. Apothecaries Hall. [14]

THE HONGKONG COTTON, SPINNING,  
WEAVING AND DYING CO.,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIRST  
INSTALLMENT of \$10 per Share on the  
shares in above COMPANY becomes due on  
the NINETEENTH DAY OF MARCH  
NEXT, and payment thereof must be made to  
the Bankers of the Company, viz, the HONG-  
KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
on or before that date.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong 18th February, 1898. [269]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE

THE CERTIFICATE of 12 Shares numbered  
4,143/4,143 and 4,569/4,578 standing in  
the Register of this Company in the name of  
Mrs. GUADALUPE BOCHA having been LOST,  
Notice is hereby given that a duplicate certi-  
cate for the said 12 Shares will be issued one  
month hence and that the original certificate,  
unless produced within that period, will there-  
after be held by the Company as null and void.

SHAW, TOMES & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1898. [330]

### DENTISTRY.

DR. SUY-SANG,  
(Lately Practising with Dr. I. SAKAZA),  
DENTIST,  
No. 8, Queen's Road Central,  
Hongkong, 9th February, 1898. [32]

THE "STAR" FERRY SERVICE.  
BETWEEN  
(HONGKONG AND KOWLOON)

ALTERATIONS OF RATES OF MONTHLY  
TICKETS.

OWING to the greatly increased cost of coal,  
superior accommodation and an accel-  
erated service being provided, I am unavoidably  
compelled to raise the rates of MONTHLY  
TICKETS from the 1st of March, 1898 as  
under:—

SINGLE MONTHLY TICKET ..... \$5  
FAMILY ..... \$9  
Servants are not included in Monthly Tickets.  
DORABEE NOWROJEE.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1898. [107]

### NOTICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS.

AMERICAN CITIZENS residing in the  
CONSULAR DISTRICT OF CANTON, which  
includes SANSHUI, WUCHOW, SHACAO,  
SWATOW, HOIHOW and FAKHOI, are  
REQUESTED to REGISTER at the Consulate,  
either personally or by certificate setting forth  
the date and place of birth and last residence in  
the United States.

The advantages of registration are obvious  
and may prove of value in time of need.  
There is no fee or charge for registration.  
EDWARD BELLER,  
U.S. Consul.

United States Consulate,  
CANTON, China; 1st February, 1898. [30]

## Insurances.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above  
Company are prepared to accept First  
CLASS FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at  
CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co. [18]  
Hongkong, 28th May, 1895.

### GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAIHS 600,000 } \$833,333.33  
EQUAL TO .....  
RESERVE FUND ..... \$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YUUK MOON, Esq.  
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER:—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken  
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the  
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1895. [29]

### NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,  
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,  
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [30]

## Intimations.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY GEN-  
ERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS  
in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S  
OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on  
MONDAY, the 21st March, 1898 at 11 o'clock  
A.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of  
Accounts and the Report of the General Man-  
agers for the year ending 31st December, 1897,  
declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting  
Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 7th to 21st instant,  
both days inclusive.

SHAW, TOMES & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1898. [333]

### THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

THE NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL  
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the  
COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S  
OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on  
TUESDAY, the 22nd March at 12 o'clock  
NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of  
Accounts and the Report of the General Man-  
agers for the year ending 31st December, 1897,  
declaring a Dividend and electing a Con-  
sulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 14th to 22nd instant,  
both days inclusive.

SHAW, TOMES & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1898. [367]

### CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE.

THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY  
ANNUAL MEETING of the SHARE-  
HOLDERS of the Company will be held at the  
OFFICES of the General Agents, at NOON on  
WEDNESDAY, the 23rd March, for the purpose  
of receiving their Report with a Statement of  
Accounts to 31st December, 1897.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 10th to 23rd March,  
both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1898. [331]

### LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE.

THE SIXTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL  
MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS  
of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of  
General Agents, Peddar Street, at 12.30 P.M.,  
on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd March for the purpose  
of receiving their Report and Statement of  
Accounts to 31st December, 1897.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 10th to 23rd March,  
both days inclusive.



Today's  
Advertisements.THEATRE ROYAL  
CITY HALL.Under the direction of Mr. ROBERT BROUGH.  
Representative—Mr. HAMILTON.THIS EVENING,  
(THURSDAY), the 17th March, 1898,  
Commencing at 8 P.M.THE COMEDY COMPANY.  
BROUGH C COMPANY.THIS EVENING at Nine o'clock,  
LAST PRODUCTION IN HONGKONG OF  
"THE CASE OF REBELLIOUS SUSAN,"  
"THE CASE OF REBELLIOUS SUSAN,"  
"THE CASE OF REBELLIOUS SUSAN,"  
By HENRY ARTHUR JONES.FRIDAY and SATURDAY,  
18th and 19th March,  
"NIOBE."A Mythological Farce Comedy, by  
H. E. PAULTON.MONDAY and TUESDAY,  
21st and 22nd March,  
"THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING  
EARNEST""THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING  
EARNEST""THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING  
EARNEST"

By O'CAR WILDE.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.  
DRESS CIRCLE and ORCHESTRA STALLS \$2  
STALLS \$1  
PIT \$1Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Half Price  
to the Pit only.Doors open 8.15 P.M. Curtain 9 P.M.  
Box Plan now open at the ROBINSON Piano  
Co.'s Warehouse, where seats can be booked  
and the Tickets obtained six nights in advance.  
A Late Train for the Peak will leave each  
evening fifteen minutes after the termination  
of the performance.  
Hongkong, 17th March, 1898. [320]GRAND INTERNATIONAL SMOKER.  
TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING.In the Grounds of the  
BAY VIEW HOTEL.THE HERNANDEZ NEW YORK  
NOVELTY COMPANY.Assisted by the Leading Local  
and Naval Talent.Doors Open at 8.15 Overture at 9.  
Curtain at 11 P.M.Prices of Admission \$1.  
Tickets at the door.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1898. [401]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
LIMITED.FOR TAIKOW.  
THE Company's Steamship"WUHU."  
Captain Benson will be despatched as above  
TO-MORROW, the 18th instant at Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1898. [386]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.  
FOR LONDON, VIA SUZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"PATROCLOS,"  
Captain Dickens will be despatched as above  
on SATURDAY, the 19th instant, at 4 P.M.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1898. [350]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.  
THE Company's Steamship"FORMOSA,"  
Captain Hodgins will be despatched for the  
above Ports on SUNDAY, the 20th instant, at  
Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAYRAIK & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1898. [402]

FOR SINGAPORE PENANG AND  
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR,"  
Captain Fay will be despatched for the above  
Ports on TUESDAY, the 22nd inst., at 3 P.M.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1898. [397]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.  
FOR LONDON, VIA SUZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"DARDANUS,"  
Captain Grey will be despatched as above  
on SATURDAY, the 20th inst., at 4 P.M.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1898. [403]

NOW READY.  
A PAMPHLET containing the Series of  
Articles by the *Tiempo*'s Special  
Correspondent entitled  
"HINDRANCES TO THE DEVELOPMENT  
OF TRADE IN KWANGTUNG  
AND KWANGSI."Price, 50 CENTS PER COPY.  
"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"  
OFFICE.  
No. 6, Pedder's Hill,  
Hongkong, 16th March, 1898.

## Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK &  
COMPANY,  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
HONGKONG.

## AERATED WATERS.

## SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

## SODA WATER.

## LEMONADE.

## GINGER ALE.

## SARSAPARILLA.

## RASPBERRYADE, &amp;c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are  
made under the constant supervision of a duly  
qualified English Chemist and will bear com-  
parison with the best English Manufactures.  
Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, RESTAURANTS  
and other Large Consumers.Any complaints should be addressed to the  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [30]

## TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG  
TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY  
REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS  
MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
LIMITED.

## ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

## WINES &amp; SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London  
House, bought direct at first hand, imported in  
wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all  
intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply  
the best goods at MODERATE PRICES.PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on  
Application.PORT after removal should be rested a month  
before use. When required for drinking at  
once it should be ordered to be decanted at  
the Dispensary before being sent out.SHERRY—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner  
Wines of very superior Vintages. All are  
true Xeres Wines.CLARET—Our Claret, including the lowest  
priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine  
product of the juice of the grape and are  
not artificially made from raisins and  
currants, as is generally the case with Cheap  
Wines.BRANDY—All our Brandy is guaranteed to  
be pure Cognac, the difference in price  
being merely a question of age and vintage.  
WHISKY—All our Whisky is of excellent  
quality and of greater age than most brand,  
in the market. THE SCOTCH WHISKY  
marked "X" is universally popular, and is  
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs  
to be superior to any other brand in the  
Hongkong market.We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to  
be genuine when bought direct from us in the  
Colon or from our authorised Agents at the  
Colon Ports.A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, 8th December, 1907. [7]

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1898.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Now there is an Italian warship in the  
harbour, to join in the ridiculous rivalry of  
national naval advertising. It is nothing  
better. Italy has nothing to send warships to  
China for, except as an optical demon-  
stration that Italy still claims to have a  
first-class navy. It is simply the reason  
which animates a woman to pester her  
husband for a sealskin jacket, because the  
woman next door has got a new bonnet.Theoretically, the use of a warship is to  
fight, or to be counted in an estimate of  
the possibilities of war. In that sense,  
Italy would no doubt be useful as an ally  
of Great Britain against a possible Franco-  
Russian coalition, and her interests  
certainly would compel her to take that  
course. But her cruiser in such a case  
would be more useful in the Mediterranean  
than in Hongkong. If the *Maria Polo*'s  
errand here is not a simple empty display,  
mere ostentation with nothing behind it—  
if not, the only explanation we can see is  
that Italy, like others, is on the look-out  
for a wrong that needs righting, a cherished  
treasure that needs protecting, a province  
that needs seizing, a nice soft innaminate  
punching-bag for healthy glove-exercise.In any case, it is no affair of ours, unless  
in a very remote degree. We have no  
reason to blame the Italians if they wish  
to protect their Eastern trade; it may  
happen, once in a way, that an Italian  
consul in some treaty port may require to  
impress the mandarins on some point,  
and a 4,000-ton armoured cruiser can do  
this nearly as thoroughly as a 400-ton  
river-gunboat. Or it may happen that the  
Powers in favour of unhampered trade  
may need to make a demonstration to  
convince the other Powers of the futility  
of partitioning China into reserved lots;  
and in such case, the *Maria Polo* would be  
an appreciable addition to the forces of  
Japan, United States, Britain, and perhaps  
Germany or perhaps not. But even thus,the *Maria Polo* would be quite as useful  
in the Mediterranean.However, these are points for the Italian  
Government to decide, and do not affect  
us so deeply as to call for much comment  
from us. One point which does affect us,  
is that each additional Power represented  
in these waters means an additional dose  
of saluting with noisy guns. We do not  
object to the ships, but we hate the saluting.  
It is so senseless. It is an utterly  
childish and useless survival of barbarism.  
Primeval man thought the making of loud  
noises was a pleasant and joyful thing—  
the more joy, the more noise. So an  
elephant cavorts and snorts his elephantine  
gibes. So a dog barks gladly to his  
master, or sentimentally to the moon.  
So a tom-cat makes night musical to his  
tabby, and miserable to the neighbour-  
hood. So an Admiral compliments an  
Admiral, so a Governor gratifies the pride  
of a Prince, and grave, serious men of  
various high degrees do honour to each  
other by ceremoniously creating a  
damnable disturbance, not forgetting a  
vile smell of sulphur.Why does not some reckless iconoclastic  
humanitarian in some navy take upon  
himself to say "I will have no salutes,"  
and stick to his guns? The saluting is  
a courtesy; very well, let some bold  
admiral request that nobody salute him  
with gunpowder, and the true courtesy  
surely lies in respecting his request. One  
potent argument, the number of deplor-  
able accidents with saluting-charges, may  
not appeal to men whose profession is the  
science of slaughtering their fellow-men.  
We are to assume that the average  
admiral prefers to have a few men killed  
when possible, to check effeminacy in  
sailors. But let that same admiral have  
a paltry, pitiful headache, or some  
such unsalutary ailment, and then we  
would enjoy jeering at his agony every  
time a salute was fired. We would glory  
in his suffering, for we have suffered, as  
have most residents in a port like Hong-  
kong. So much suffering, from such a  
silly source, is intolerable.In a town like Hongkong, with over  
two hundred thousand inhabitants, there  
can hardly ever be a time when there is  
not some serious case of fever or some  
similar illness, in which the din of banging  
and booming, and blasting of big guns  
might, it is quite conceivable, mean death  
to the patient. Even short of that extreme  
contingency—which is by no means so  
far-fetched that it should be pooh-  
poohed—it may be taken as a regular  
rule that every salute in the harbour is a  
serious annoyance and positive injury to  
somebody, probably to many. If it is  
only one person who is hurt by a thing  
that is absolutely useless, the thing should  
be abolished. The American Navy has led  
the way, by permitting the Admiral on  
this station to cut down personal salutes  
to one per annum and port salutes to one  
in six months; and Commodore Dewar  
(who by the way is due for promotion  
very soon) has had personal experiences  
of such a painful nature that he gladly  
avails himself of the permission. That is  
to say, he will not need to exchange salutes  
with Admiral Sirrour again for twelve  
months, though they may meet dozens of  
times; nor will he salute Hongkong again  
for six months, though he may come and  
go scores of times. It is a step in the right  
direction, and our only regret is that it is  
such a little step. It makes any thinking  
person quite savage, to reflect that a fever-  
patient may be wavering between life and  
death, and the issue may be decided by a  
sudden clap of thunder artificially created  
for the sake of a mere meaningless for-  
mality. Let the life be that of an admiral,  
or an Imperial prince—then, and not until  
then, will the evil be remedied and ordi-  
nary humanity spared a needless infliction.We beg to acknowledge, with thanks,  
the receipt of a sample consignment of  
German satirical journalism, kindly for-  
warded to us by the Hongkong Post Office.  
It was presented to us immediately after  
we had published our humble contribution  
—"a poor thing, but our own"—towards  
the vindication of our German brother  
journalists, sent to prison for telling the  
truth. We therefore took it as a com-  
pliment, a gratifying recognition of merit  
and an encouraging endorsement of our  
views, when the Post Master General  
generously gave us somebody else's copy  
of *Jugend*. It was a touching tribute of  
praise which quite brought tears to our  
eyes, tears of modest pride and virtue.  
Is the paper's name *Jugend* or *Jugend*?  
These German hieroglyphics are puzzling.  
But really, the P. M. G. ought not  
to do such things. The Post Office is sup-  
posed to be a non-partisan institution, with  
no political bias, and no problem on its  
mind except that of delivering mail matter  
where it belongs; and the German paper  
with the prisonward proclivities did not  
belong to us. It was addressed to a Ger-  
man firm in Hongkong, and the Post Mas-  
ter-General has no right to let his own pri-  
vate love for us influence him in the dis-  
tribution of mails. We appreciate the grace-  
ful and delicate compliment; we must gen-  
tly but firmly refuse to accept the other  
man's property. "Render into Cæsar the  
things which are Cæsar's." We have  
enough letters and papers of our own to  
attend to, without wishing to have any  
German mail fisted upon us.The Post Office will no doubt be less  
stupid, and less unable to read, when it  
gets its new building. We don't see how,  
but that it is the theory propounded, that  
when "—& Co, Duddell Street," is mis-  
taken for "Hongkong Telegraph, Pedder's  
Hill," it is because the Post Office build-  
ing is not nice.Referring to the Post Office question a  
few days ago, we pointed out that as faras concerned the public convenience, one  
site was as good as another, or at  
any rate so nearly so, that the question  
was not worth the amount of trouble  
already bestowed on it. There is, how-  
ever, another aspect of the question, which  
we did not go into on that occasion.  
Granting that a hundred yards or so one  
way or the other will not materially affect  
the convenience of people who use the  
Post Office, how about the finances of the  
Colon as affected by the sale or retention  
of this or that lot of Crown land? That  
is to say, from the one standpoint, that of  
mails and deliveries thereof, there is not  
very much to choose between the sites;  
from the other standpoint, that of revenue  
from land sales, there is.We believe it is undeniable that the  
present Post Office, if sold for the erection  
of Chinese buildings, would fetch \$12 per  
foot. We do not wish to make any asser-  
tion to this effect, but simply put it for-  
ward as the result of unbiassed inquiries,  
subject to correction. Now, on the Recla-  
mation, Chinese buildings are to be  
forbidden; and for other purposes, it is  
shown there can be almost no demand for  
the land, because it could only be used for  
some large business firm and the large  
business firms happen to be now all settled  
on long leases. Careful and complete in-  
quiry has shown that all possible demands  
for such lots of land are now satisfied for  
years to come. So the unsold balance of  
Reclamation lots will be a drug in the  
market, a white elephant on the Govern-  
ment's hands. They cannot be disposed of  
for the only purpose for which there re-  
mains a demand for land, namely Chinese  
buildings; let the present Post Office  
therefore be sold for Chinese buildings,  
and the Post Office be put on the reclama-  
tion land. It means lakhs of dollars to the  
Colonial Treasury. We trust that the  
question will be re-opened by Mr. WHITE-  
HEAD, who (as evidenced by the corres-  
pondence laid before the Council) has  
given a great deal of his valuable time to  
a careful and able study of the matter  
from the financial point of view. We are  
not in love with the Chinese encroachments  
on what should be the European part of  
the city, any more than we love any in-  
evitable evil; still less are we in love with  
waste of the ratepayers' money. It is no  
disparagement of the Civil Service to say  
that Mr. WHITEHEAD is cleverer at money  
matters than the whole Service put to-  
gether; it simply means that he is an ex-  
ceptionally able financier. It does, however,  
reflect very discreditably on the Service,  
that there seems to be an official maxim,  
almost amounting to a rule of the Service,  
that whatever Mr. WHITEHEAD advises is  
not to be done. It is to be hoped that he  
will not be deterred by official obstruc-  
tionism, but will insist on having the  
question raised again and settled on a  
common-sense basis.

## TELEGRAMS.

["HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SPECIAL.]

PRINCE HENRY OF  
PRUSSIA AT  
CANTON.CANTON March 17th.  
5.30 p.m.Prince Henry of Prussia has arrived at  
Canton, and on landing he was accorded  
a brilliant reception.

## THE KEROSENE QUESTION.

THE ILLEGAL "LO-TO-SHUI" TAX ABOLISHED.  
The United States Consul, Dr. Bedloe,  
informs me he has received official intima-  
tion of the most satisfying nature, that the  
illegal *lo-to-shui* or destination-tax on  
kerosene, has been abolished, and the  
thirty cents' squeeze imposed by the  
monopolists with the sanction of the  
authorities will no longer be collected.

## REUTERS' MESSAGES.

## THE STRIKES IN BOMBAY.

LONDON, March 15th.  
Bombay is quiet, and the strikes which arose  
in consequence of the measures adopted by the  
authorities to check the spread of the plague,  
have ended.

## LORD SALISBURY'S HEALTH.

Lord Salisbury's physicians have absolutely  
forbidden him to transact business.

## CRICKET.

England won the return match at Victoria by  
seven wickets.

## ASSASSINATION OF MR. WOOLF JOEL.

Mr. Woolf Joel, the head of the firm of Bat-  
nato Bros., has been shot dead in his office at  
Johannesburg by a man named Wertheim, who  
demanded £2,500.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Firebrand* arrived from Pakhoi to-day.

The buying rate for sovereigns is \$10.67 per £.

At the Magistracy to-day Land Bailiff King  
prosecuted three Chinese timber dealers for  
trespassing on Crown land. They had been  
stacking timber on a prohibited place at West  
Point and the first defendant was fined \$5; the  
others who had been there before were fined  
\$20 each.Another Chinese promissory note case occu-  
pied the attention of His Lordship the Chief Justice  
in Summary Jurisdiction at the Supreme Court  
to-day. Cheung Sing Tong sued Ho Fung Ting  
alias Tai Ka Ping for \$1,000 alleged to be  
due on a P. N. executed in San Francisco  
Mr. J. F. Reeves appeared for the plaintiff and  
Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., instructed by Mr. C.  
Xenos, appeared for the defendant. The plain-  
tiff was examined by Mr. Reeves and at 3.35 p.m.  
the case was adjourned till Saturday next at  
10.30 a.m.We are informed by the Daily Farm Co., Ltd.,  
that there have been no cases of rinderpest at  
Sassoon's Villa since the 9th inst.A CHIEFMAN was to-day sentenced to four  
months' hard labour for being concerned in the  
theft of a pillow box containing \$98, and jewel-  
ery, in all value at \$130.A CHIEFMAN under the Weights and  
Measures Ordinance was to-day prosecuted by  
Inspector Duncan. His business was selling  
roast pork and he had to hand over \$35 as  
amends for his unjust dealing.The charms of Hongkong were too much for a  
cocolet of indifferent character, named Chang Yu  
Chap, to resist. He was banished for five years  
some months ago, and bobbing up secretly, he  
was caught in the colony lately. To-day Comdr.  
Hastings sent him to gaol for twelve months  
with hard labour.The Italian cruiser *Maria Polo*, the first of a  
squadron of four vessels being sent to China,  
arrived here this morning from Singapore.  
She is an armoured cruiser of 4,583 tons dis-  
placement and with 10,000 indicated horse-power  
and her speed is 19 knots. Her armament con-  
sists of 6.5-in., Q.F., 10 4.7-in., 3 2.9-in., 9  
2.2-in., and 4 1.4-in. She was built in 1890 at  
Castellamare, in Sicily, and is a fine specimen  
of naval architecture.Our Celestial friends persist in breaking the  
law regarding opium, and that very well-groomed  
man, Mr. J. J. Spooner, is constantly in evidence  
at the Police Court. To-day he secured a fine  
of \$12 against a Chinaman who had in his  
possession six mace of the seductive and un-  
savoury looking drug. Spooner's chief mate is a  
big fat Chinese gentleman, who speaks English  
well and looks fit to become a publican or an  
alderman, so pronounced has he become in the  
matter of corporation.His Lordship the Puisne Judge, Mr. A. G. Wile,  
yesterday delivered judgment in the suit  
Reuter Bros. & Co. v. Wing Shun and  
another. The claim was for \$875 as damages  
suffered by the plaintiffs owing to a collision  
between their schooner *Kaiting* (under tow of  
the steamer *Wing Kwai*) and the steamer  
*Saitong*. His Lordship said that it was ad-  
mitted that the *Wing Kwai* was to blame and  
the only question therefore was whether there  
was contributory negligence on the part of the  
*Kaiting*. He reviewed the evidence and came  
to the conclusion that there was no negligence  
on the part of those in charge of the *Kaiting*.  
Judgment was therefore entered in favour of the  
plaintiffs with costs.The Hawick Archaeological Society has erected  
at the cottage at Hawick where Robert Paterson,  
the prototype of Sir Walter Scott's "Old Mortal-  
ity" was born in 1712 (not 1715 as stated by  
Scott) two sandstone slabs one being placed on  
the front of the cottage, and the other on the  
back. The one on the front bears the  
inscription—"Robert Paterson, prototype of  
Sir Walter Scott's 'Old Mortality,' was born  
here in 1712. This stone erected by the  
Hawick Archaeological Society, 1897." The  
slab on the back of the house bears the  
simple inscription, "Birthplace of 'Old Mortal-  
ity.'" In travelling the memorials Mrs.  
Craig, Hawick, expressed the hope that loving  
hands might ever be found to preserve the  
lettering on the stone, as Paterson had preserved  
the memorials of others; and Mr. John W.  
Kennedy read a paper giving a considerable  
amount of interesting information regard-  
ing the prototype of "Old Mortality," includ-  
ing the discovery of his chisels—tools of  
very old-fashioned make. There has been  
quite an epidemic of memorial-raising lately  
in the Scottish borderland; but the craze for  
memorials is tempered by frugality. There  
has been so far no extravagance. The position  
taken up by the Hawick Archaeological Society  
with regard to the memorial to mark the birth-  
place of "Old Mortality" was characteristic.  
The memorial was not to cost more than three  
guineas!Dr. Eugene Yarrow has just held an inquiry at  
the Bethnal Green Coroner's Court, respecting  
the death of Daniel Summers, aged fifty-four,  
by trade a tobacco-sampler. The widow stated  
that for the past eleven years the deceased had  
been subjected to sickness and pains in the  
stomach, the results of his chewing large  
quantities of tobacco. The doctors stated  
that the habit would end fatally, but she  
could not persuade him to give it up. The  
Coroner—Did he drink? The Witness—I  
should think he did. He drank whisky in  
the evening and old ale and stout in the day.  
The Coroner—How much whisky did he drink?  
The Witness—Eighteen half-quantities a night.  
Coroner—Do you mean every night?—Yes, that  
was his usual. He drank that mostly after he  
had done his work. In an evening he would  
drink three or four half-quantities a night.  
Coroner—He must have been a most remarkable  
man. How long has he been drinking eighteen  
half-quantities a night? The Witness—Oh, for the  
last fifteen years. The Coroner—No wonder he  
complained of pains in the stomach. Could he eat  
his meals? The Witness—Yes, after he had had his  
fill of whisky he could eat better than before he  
had it. Last Friday he complained worse than  
ever of the pain in the stomach, the witness  
called in a doctor, but death ensued the next  
day. The Coroner—It is a marvel to me it didn't  
occur fifteen years ago. Dr. William Brown  
Thain, of Bethnal Green Road, stated that he  
had made a *post-mortem* examination. The  
body was badly nourished. There was evidence  
of chronic pneumonia and pleurisy, but otherwise  
the organs were healthy. The Coroner (surprised)  
What the liver and kidneys healthy? Witness—  
Yes. The Coroner—Then I'll never believe  
that whisky will kill any one again. A Juror—  
It must have been good whisky. The Coroner  
—Yes. It must have been Scotch. Well, you  
live and learn, and we are learning something  
to-day. He never thought it possible for a man  
to drink eighteen half-quantities of whisky a day  
for fifteen years without his kidneys being af-  
fected. A verdict in accordance with the medical  
evidence was returned.This tenth club race of the Royal Hongkong  
Yacht Club will be sailed on Sunday, 20th inst.,  
Course No. 12—Kowloon Rock, Channel Rocks,  
Meyer's east buoy, Kowloon Rock, Channel  
Rocks (all starboard)."CRATIGERUM" and the land surrounding it  
was put up at auction yesterday afternoon by  
Mr. G. P. Lummi. A gentleman was willing to  
lease the house at a rental of \$300 a month for  
a year and perhaps more Mr. Lummi said,  
and the purchaser could build two or more  
houses on the vacant land while "Cratigerum"  
was in occupation. There was, however, no bid  
for the property, and it was withdrawn.One of the most curious things to Brussels, a  
thing that must be characteristic to some extent  
of the temper of the people, is the little Man-  
nikin statue and fountain. It is a statue of a  
naked boy, said to have been erected by a  
noblemen whose lost son was found on this  
spot. But there is not the least excuse for the  
boy's nakedness, for he is well supplied  
with clothing of many sorts, and is rich  
enough to buy more suits occasionally. Louis  
XV decorated the statue with the Order of the  
Holy Ghost, possibly at a moment when another  
sort of spirit had possession of him; and it is  
the owner of nine handsome costumes belonging  
to different periods. On fine days the boy is  
gorgeously clad; sometimes in the uniform of  
the old Garde Civique. All this is funny  
enough, but not so curious as the rest. It is the  
fashion for wealthy maiden ladies of Brussels to  
fall in love with the statue, and remember it  
handkerchief in their wills. Through one such  
bequest this potted boy is provided with a valet  
at a salary of \$40, and a short time ago another  
unwedded admirer left \$200 for the completion  
and maintenance of his wardrobe.A CORRESPONDENT writes to a London journal  
as follows:—"The saint now in fashion is St.  
Antony of Padua, and no wonder! You have  
only to send a franc or two to the charitable  
fund called 'Le Poin de St. Antoine,' St. An-  
toine's ter, Paris, and you may obtain  
any favour you choose to ask for. Such at  
least is the conclusion to be drawn from *Le  
Poin*, of October 3, Paris. I give a few ex-  
tracts from what may be called St. Antony's  
letter-box, namely, the documents sent with  
contributions to No. 8 Rue François ter, each  
being accompanied with an address:—Kluge—Herewith ten francs in consideration  
of a law suit lasting three years, now happily  
settled.Messe—Herewith ten francs as promised  
out of gratitude to St. Antoine for having obtained a  
situation.Pas de Calais—Herewith ten francs as prom-  
ised to St. Antoine if I succeeded in getting  
through my examination.Maurice and Mollie—I send three francs to  
St. Antoine in order to be cured of my sciatitis.Somme—Thanks to St. Antoine, I have  
found a customer for a sewing machine.Maurice—I beg of St. Antoine two material  
blessings. Herewith five francs.Maurice and Mollie—I promised St.  
Antoine two francs if I found my lost purse. It  
is found, so here is the money.And so on and so on, 512 letters being  
dropped into St. Antony's post-box during the  
week ended October 3. Are we living in the  
nineteenth century? It seems impossible.THE Chateau de Ramet, Quebec (says a  
Vancouver paper), has come into the possession  
of another interesting old curio which will be a  
valuable addition to the many treasures already  
within the old building. It is a gun of the date  
of 1717, and has quite an interesting and roman-  
tic history. It will be remembered by those  
with even a superficial knowledge of Canadian  
history that in 1711 Admiral Sir Hovenden Wal-  
ker undertook the command of an English ex-  
pedition against Quebec. It was an ill-fated  
venture, and while his fleet was in the lower  
St. Lawrence eight of his vessels were driven  
ashore on the *rocs* (rocks), near Gaspé. It was  
a terrible catastrophe, and over 1,000 of the  
English soldiers perished, and the vessels with  
all their cargoes, went to the bottom. The old  
gun which has been presented to the Chateau  
belonged to one of the ships. As far as  
the gun itself goes, it is a very dirty and rusty  
old seven-pounder, with the British coat of arms  
stamped upon it, and marks distinctive of the  
reign of Queen Anne. It was recovered by  
one of the fishermen of the lower St. Lawrence  
in six fathoms of water. He hauled it in one of  
his nets. Through a Mr. Commau it came  
into the possession of Gen. Boullier, of Montreal,  
who upon the solicitation of Dr. Chas. W.  
Wilson, donated it to the historical museum  
in the Chateau. There is no saying but that  
some day other interesting relics might be re-  
covered when this old gun was taken. In the  
first British expedition against Quebec in 1690,  
commanded by Sir William Phips, nine vessels  
of the fleet were lost in about the same place in  
the St. Lawrence. Again 31 years later a like  
fatality met the second expedition.

## NAVAL NOTES.

The southern fleet has left Nagasaki for  
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